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Distribution Piping Systems Capital Efficiency, Planning and Future Proofing

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Distribution Piping Systems (DPS)

- The longest lifespan asset in a district energy system
- Steam and Condensate
- Hot Water
- Chilled Water
- Ambient Loops









Future Proofing?

- "Generations" of district heating
 - 1. Steam
 - 2. Hot water >212°F
 - 3. Hot water (176-212°F)
 - 4. Hot water <(149-167°F)
- Future loads
- Utility corridors
- Delta T and pipe sizing









Factors affecting pipe materials' selection

- Temperature
- Pressure
- Size/Delta T
- Corrosion resistance
- Acceptable heat loss/gain
- Cost
- Longevity
- Project Schedule







Steam DPS

- Mostly legacy, few new systems
- In tunnels, or directly buried (cost)
- Condensate return
- Low ability to use renewable heat sources
- Relatively high heat losses
- Slope/profile limitations
- Safety











Chilled Water and Ambient Loop DPS

- Narrower range of design temperatures
- Wide selection of materials
- Mostly directly buried
- Insulated or not?









Hot Water DPS

- High ability to use renewable heat sources (4th Gen systems)
- Wide selection of materials depending on pressure and temperature
- Mostly directly buried
- Relatively low heat losses
- Safety









Carbon Steel Piping

- Most versatile
- Directly buried?
- Insulated?
- EN-253?
- Cost
- Availability









Plastic Piping

- Temperature and pressure limitations
- PP-RCT/PE-RT?
- Fusion Welded?
- Insulated?
- Flexible?
- Cost
- Availability





----PVDF -----PVC -----PEX -----PE





The perfect DPS?

- Lives Forever
- Caters to Unlimited loads
- Cheap to Build
- Cheap to Operate
- Absolutely Future Proof
- Does not Exist!









Planning DPS Projects

- System design conditions
- Future proofing
- Project schedule
- Materials and installation costs
- Lifecyle analysis
- Phasing





- Reuse of existing assets (if possible)
- Minimizing Disruption
- Coordination with existing and planned utilities



Questions?







Thank you for your attention

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